

# ***FISH & WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET***

**Meeting Date:** August 26, 2014 Conference Call

**Agenda Item:** 2014 Late Season Migratory Bird Regulations

**Division:** Wildlife      **Action Needed:** Final      **Time for this Presentation:** 30 minutes

Proposed changes noted below. All other late season migratory bird regulations are proposed unchanged from 2013. The 2013 regulations are available for review on the fwp.mt.gov website.

## **Central Flyway**

- **Youth Waterfowl Season:** Sept. 27-28 (2 days – limits below apply)
  - **Duck, Coot, Goose, and Tundra Swan Seasons:** *Zone 2 counties for ducks/coots/swans:* Big Horn, Treasure, Rosebud, Custer, and Prairie Counties; *Zone 2 counties for geese:* Big Horn, Treasure, Rosebud, Custer, Prairie, Carbon, and Yellowstone Counties; *Zone 1 counties for ducks/coots/swans:* Montana's portion of Central Flyway minus Big Horn, Treasure, Rosebud, Custer, and Prairie Counties; *Zone 1 counties for geese:* Montana's portion of Central Flyway minus Big Horn, Treasure, Rosebud, Custer, Prairie, Carbon, and Yellowstone Counties
  - **Ducks:** Daily bag limit shall be 6 ducks or mergansers, possession limit 3 times daily limit. Daily bag limit shall not include more than 5 mallards no more than 2 of which may be hens, 2 redheads, 2 hooded mergansers, 3 wood ducks, 2 pintails, and 1 canvasback. During the first 16 days of the regular duck season in both Zones (Oct. 4 – 19), the daily bag may include 2 additional blue-winged teal.
  - **Coots:** 15 daily, possession limit 3 times the daily limit
  - **Geese:** Dark- 5 daily; White – 20 daily; possession limit 3 times the daily limit for both dark and white.
- **Duck, Coot, and Tundra Swan (500 permits only) Seasons:** *Zone 1 counties for ducks/coots/swans* – Oct. 4 – Jan. 8; *Zone 2 counties for ducks/coots/swans:* Oct. 4 – Oct. 19 AND Nov. 1 – Jan. 20; closed Oct. 20– 31
- **Goose Season:** *Zone 1 counties for geese* – Oct. 4 – Jan. 11 AND Jan. 17-21; closed Jan. 12 – 16  
*Zone 2 counties for geese* – Oct. 4 – Oct. 19 AND Nov. 1 – Jan. 28; closed Oct. 20 – 31
- **Falconry: Ducks and coots:** *Zone 1 counties for ducks/coots:* Sept. 24 – Jan. 8; *Zone 2 counties for ducks/coots:* Sept. 24 – Oct. 19 AND Nov. 1 – Jan. 20. **Geese:** *Zone 1 counties for geese:* Oct. 4 – Jan. 11 AND Jan. 17 – 21; *Zone 2 counties for geese:* Oct. 4 – 19 AND Nov. 1 – Jan. 28.

## **Pacific Flyway**

- **Youth Waterfowl Season:** Sept. 27-28 (2 days – limits below apply)
- **Ducks and coots:** Oct. 4-Jan. 11 AND Jan. 17-21 (105 days); closed Jan. 12-16.
  - **Ducks:** Daily bag limit shall be 7 ducks or mergansers, possession limit 3 times the daily limit. Daily bag limit shall not include more than 2 hen mallards, 2 pintails, 2 redheads, and 1 canvasback.
  - **Coots:** 25 daily and in possession
- **Goose season:** Oct. 4-Jan. 11 AND Jan. 17-21 (105 days); closed Jan. 12-16.
  - **Geese:** Dark - 4 daily, possession limit 3 times the daily limit  
White - 20 daily, possession limit 3 times the daily limit
- **Swan (500 permits only) Season:** Oct. 11-Dec. 1
- **Falconry dates:** Ducks, coots, and geese: Oct. 4 – Jan. 11 AND Jan. 17-21; closed Jan. 12-16.

**Public Involvement Process & Results:** Public comment ends 5 p.m., Friday, Aug. 22, with final adoption at the Aug. 26 commission meeting.

**Proposed Motion:** I move the commission adopt the final 2014 late season migratory bird regulations as presented by FWP.